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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Malcolm Nigel Hunter

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For : ROOT AND WATER MANAGEMENT

SYSTEM FOR POTTED PLANTS

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121 AND 372

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 16, 2008.

Regarding the third paragraph on page 2 of the referenced Office Action, applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, which includes claims 1-9, 12, 39-45 and 46, drawn to a pot. Applicant traverses the restriction because applicant believes that searching both groups would not impose an undue burden.

Applicant specifically reserves the right to file a divisional application or applications for claims 34-35, drawn to a method at applicant's sole discretion.

Respectfully submitted, FULWIDER PATTON LLP

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